

# ADVENTURE IN CITIZENSHIP



In past years at our school it has become traditional that a grade XII student, chosen by his history teacher and the principal, visits Ottawa. Here the student selected participates in the "Adventure in Citizenship" held there each spring.

## BARK LAKE AND LAKE COUCHICHING

During the summer of 1959, Jim Shillington attended the Ontario Camp Leadership Centre at Bark Lake, and Mary Riseborough and Delbert Marlatt represented Blenheim at the Ontario Athletic Leadership Camp, at Lake Couchiching. Bark Lake and O.A.L.C. are both sponsored by the Department of Education, but their programs are designed for different purposes. Activity at Bark Lake centres around the teaching of camp counselling, while O.A.L.C. stresses general leadership. These camps are available to interested students who are willing to offer their services where needed when they return.

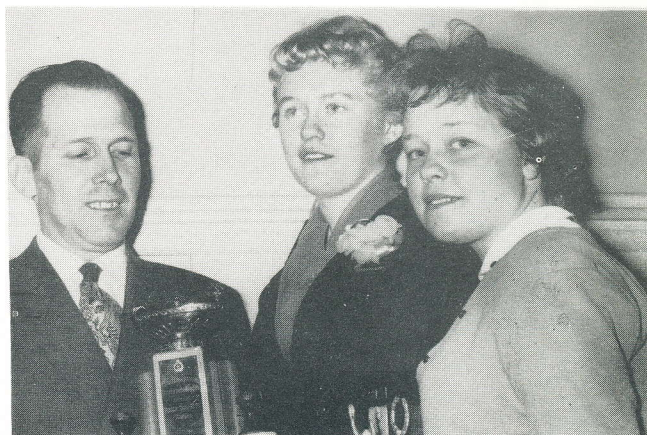
This "Adventure" is sponsored by the Blenheim Rotary Club in co-operation with the Ottawa Club, and similar arrangements are made in various other parts of Canada so that approximately five hundred students take part annually. This year I have been given the honour of representing Blenheim District High School in these activities which continue from May 9-12. I feel that this is one of the greatest honours that can be given to any secondary school student.

Mary English, 12A



## SCHOOL LETTER

To obtain a school letter a student must acquire 25 points, 6 of which must be from Academic, 6 from Athletics, and 5 from General Activities. He must have completed Grade 11 and must not have attended High School more than six years.



## ACHIEVEMENT PIN

This pin is the highest award for the all-round student who is active in sports and extra-curricular activities, and hard working in the academic field. To obtain an Achievement Pin, a total of 35 points and a School Letter must be gained. It is very difficult to obtain an Achievement pin and Lyn Irwin was last year's only recipient.



There was no speaking contest held in our school this year, but Theresa Homick, 10A, won the Blenheim Legion Junior Secondary School Trophy with her speech. "Conservation of Our Natural Resources." Mary English, 12A, won the Legion's Senior Trophy choosing as her topic "Canada and the Defence of the West", while Ethel Lee, 11B, took second place honours in this division, speaking on "The School as a Preparation for Citizenship." The winners proceeded to the Zone A-3 finals in Tilbury where Mary again topped the Senior Class. This makes her eligible for the division provincial semi-finals to be held at a later date. Although this was not a school function, Mary was awarded a dictionary by the Student Council for her success.